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Major James A. Jennings, President  
Oklahoma County Chapter  
Reserve Officers Association  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Major Jennings:

Thank you very much for your letter of 23 December inviting me to speak at the Annual Military Dinner of the Oklahoma County Chapter of the Reserve Officers on 18 February.

As I told Governor Edmondson, Mayor Norick and Mr. Gaylord, I sincerely regret that I will be unable to attend on this occasion. In view of my official position, it is necessary for me to restrict my speaking engagements to the various government service schools except on a rare occasion when I make an outside talk. Unfortunately, I cannot make an additional commitment at this time.

Your courtesy in asking me to join you is indeed appreciated and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you every success in your banquet.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

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Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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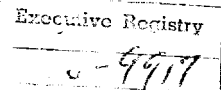
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OKLAHOMA COUNTY CHAPTER, OKLAHOMA CITY

December 23, 1960

Mr. Allen Dulles  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:


One of the principal features of our community's activities is the Annual Military Dinner. This meeting is arranged by the Oklahoma County Chapter of the Reserve Officers and will be attended by some five hundred reserve and regular army officers and their wives.

It is traditional that the banquet hear a speaker who is prominent in the affairs of our nation. We would be honored to have you as our speaker on this occasion.

This year we are coordinating our Military Dinner with the Regional Strategy Seminar which will be held at the same time here in Oklahoma City. The Military Dinner will be on Saturday evening, February 18, 1961.

Your presence at our banquet will certainly be the highlight of our year's activities, and we hope you can include this in your busy schedule.

Yours truly,

  
Major James A. Jennings  
President

Oklahoma County Chapter  
Reserve Officers Association